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RESPONSE

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REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on July 3, 2003. Applicant elects to have Species 1 (shown in FIGS. 3-5) and claims 1-5, 7-10, 13 and 17-19 readable thereon, prosecuted on the merits.

Applicant traverses the grounds for restriction because the species are not patentably distinct. At least claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9 are generic and readable on Species 1 (FIGS. 3-5), Species 2 (FIGS. 6-7), Species 3 (FIG. 8), Species 4 (FIGS. 9-10), and Species 5 (FIG. 11), as defined by the Examiner. Thus, upon the allowance of the generic claims, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species that are written in independent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim. Furthermore, at least claims 4, 8, 13 and 17-18 are generic to Species 1-3 and at least claims 6, 14 and 22 are generic to Species 4 and 5.

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